

events. As a resident of Pennsylvania, I am proud to have such a treasure as part of our history.

The Flagship *Niagara* has played an important role in our nation's history. It sailed proudly in the War of 1812 and fought in the Battle of Lake Erie. I commend the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Flagship Niagara League, and the City of Erie for restoring the ship and making it available so that others in the United States may learn of its history.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to those who serve on the Flagship *Niagara*. The Flagship *Niagara* is a part of Pennsylvania's history, and your commitment to the ship and to Erie is highly commendable.

RECOGNITION OF JIM SUTTON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE KALAMA SCHOOL DISTRICT

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I would like to bring the Senate's attention today to Mr. Jim Sutton, a man who has given a generation of Kalama students a unique look at the courageous acts of an older generation—the men and women who fought in World War II. Mr. Sutton is the Superintendent of the Kalama School District and also finds the time to teach a course on World War II and the Cold War. Through his great personal interest in WWII and his desire to transfer some of his interest onto his students, Jim has made history come alive for them.

Mr. Sutton's class, based on the book *Band of Brothers*, by Stephen Ambrose, uses firsthand accounts of companies who were a part of D-Day in WWII. Ambrose's book documents the accounts of E Company, which the movie, "Saving Private Ryan," was based.

Mr. Sutton has made it possible for his students to meet some of these great men who fought in WWII. Jim has brought an Italian officer that fought Rommel in the African Campaign, a P-51 pilot who brought actual video footage from his wing cameras, a machine gunner who landed at D-Day, and a German soldier who spent two years in a Russian prisoner of war camp.

Anyone can see how Mr. Sutton recognizes the sacrifices of the WWII generation and has shared it with others. Most impressive was in June when five of Mr. Sutton's students accompanied him to the opening of the D-Day museum in New Orleans, Louisiana where students were able to meet their history book heroes in person.

I have always considered my "Innovation in Education" Awards to highlight special people and programs, and this award demonstrates how innovative a typical U.S. history class can be. Mr. Sutton has created a live link between the past and the present for his students.

Greg Rayl, Principal of Kalama Middle and High School, who nominated Mr. Sutton for the award adds, "Too

often superintendents are many steps removed from the daily classroom management and operations of their district's schools. Jim not only walks the halls interacting with students and teachers, but teaches as well."

As an avid reader of history, I am delighted to learn about Mr. Sutton who has gone the extra mile to make history come alive for his students. I ask that the Senate join me in commending Mr. Sutton for his dedication to his students and for bringing two generations together.●

STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF MRS. CORETTA OGBURN

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mrs. Coretta Ogburn who died on Monday July 31, 2000. She was born on July 30, 1909 in Pittsburgh to the late Sally and Henry Black.

Mrs. Ogburn graduated from the Pittsburgh Public School System and later became employed for many years with the Allegheny County Health Department from which she retired in the 1970s. She was also well known as a dedicated and highly respected community leader for her committed efforts to her Church and community organizations. She was actively involved in the Negro Emergency Education Drive (NEED), the Urban League, the YWCA, the YMCA, and the Pittsburgh branch of the NAACP.

During her tenure as a member of the NAACP, Mrs. Ogburn sat on the Executive Committee, Human Rights Dinner Committee, Scholarship Committee, Women in the NAACP (WIN), and the Membership Committee. As Chair of the Membership Committee, she was instrumental in increasing branch memberships for the organization, and in 1958, she received her first award for soliciting the most NAACP memberships. In addition, the National Office of the NAACP awarded Mrs. Ogburn a medal for her accomplishments as one of the top membership solicitors in the entire nation. Mrs. Ogburn was awarded several other awards for her commitment and dedication to this organization.

It is an honor for me to recognize Mrs. Coretta Ogburn and the selfless time and energy she put towards her community. She was a true civil servant and community leader, and Pittsburgh was very blessed to have her a resident of its city. She cared a great deal for her loved ones, illustrated true dedication to the organizations which she belonged, and will be sorely missed by all those who knew her.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting a treaty and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-10526. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification relative to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10527. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Selected Acquisition Reports for the period from April 1 through June 30, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10528. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of military expenditures for countries receiving U.S. assistance; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-10529. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Missile Technology Control Regime; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-10530. A communication from the Department of Defense, General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation, Federal Acquisition Circular 97-19" (FAC97-19) received on July 25, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10531. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the procurement list received on August 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10532. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN3095-AA89) received on August 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10533. A communication from the Director of the Employment Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interagency Career Transition Assistance for Displaced Former Panama Canal Zone Employees" (RIN3206-AI56) received on August 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10534. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retirement Eligibility For Nuclear Materials Couriers Under CSRS and FERS" (RIN3206-AI66) received on August 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10535. A communication from the Director of the Employment Service, Office of